of Russia and M/s. Mitsui of Japan. M/s. Mitsui have since indicated their unwillingness for equity participation which is an essential requirement for selection of Joint Venture Partner. Consequently at present there is only one offer available for revival of IISCO. M/s. TPE have since informed SAIL that they require extension of three months time for submission of their Revial Plan. Consequently, SAIL have sought extension of time for a further period of 4 months from the BIFR.

As IISCO has been referred to the BIFR, any scheme to be taken up for modernisation will have to be in accordance with the orders of the BIFR in this regard.

ESI Dispensaries

858. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the categories of employees covered under the ESI Health Scheme and the contribution deducted from the employees, category-wise during the last two years;

(b) whether any plan has been drafted to improve the general and sanitary conditions in the ESI dispensaries and increase to various services offered to patients; and

(c) the details of the ESI dispensaries located in Tamil Nadu, city-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Presently the employees drawing wages not exceedingh Rs. 6500/- per month are covered/coverable under the ESI Act, 1948. During the last two years, the contribution was deducted @ 1.50% of the monthly wages of all the employees.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A *statement* indicating number of ESI dispensaries in Tamil Nadu, district-wise, is enclosed.

Statement

S.No.	Name of District	No. of Dispensaries
1	2	3
1.	Madras	22
2.	Chengalpattu	17
3.	South Arcot	2
4.	Vellore Ambedkar	8
5.	Thiruvannamalai Sambuvarayar	1
6.	Salem	12
7.	Dharmapuri	3
8.	Trichy	8
9.	Tanjore	5
10.	Pudukottai	1
11.	Coimbatore	33
12.	Periyar	2
13.	Madurai	10
14.	Anna	5
15.	Kamarajar	7
16.	Pasumpon Muthuramalignam	2
17.	Chidambaranar	4
18.	Nellai Katta Bomman	7
19.	Kanyakumari	2
20.	Nilgiris	1
	Total :-	152

Note : In addition, the ESIC has got 6 mobile dispensaries and 2 utilisation dispensaries serving in different areas in Tamil Nadu.

Introduction of 12 Coach EMU Rakes in Calcutta Suburban Section

859. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to introduce 12 coach EMU rakes in Calcutta suburban section;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) There are no such plans in the near future.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to infrastructural constraints.

Local Dialling Facilities

860. SHRI HARADHAN ROY :
SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY :
SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 290 on November 21, 1996 and state :

(a) the steps taken to connect Durgapur SDCA exchanges with Assansol SDCA exchanges so that subsciribers of this entire region are able to enjoy access of local dialling facilities; and

(b) the reasons for the delay to provide group dialling system in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Durgapur SDCA exchanges have good connectivity with Asansol SDCA exchanges through